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IN TELEGRAMS TO CINCUSAREUR (RPTD CINCEUR) GEN HAMLETT EVALUATES
MILITARY CONSEQUENCES ANY REDUCTION STRENGTH BERLIN GARRISON.
PERTINENT EXTRACTS FOLLOW:

(1) "SIZE OF GARRISON HAS LITTLE BEARING ON OVER-ALL PICTURE IN
MILITARY SENSE UNDER ALL OUT WAR CONDITIONS. UNDER LESSER
CONDITIONS OF HOSTILITY OR VARIOUS STAGES OF CIVIL DISORDERS,
SIZE OF BERLIN GARRISON IMPORTANT AND VITAL. UNDER
CONDITIONS LIMITED HOSTILITIES OR CIVIL EMERGENCY,
GARRISON MUST BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING FOR SECURITY US PERSONNEL,
PROPERTY, UNITS AND AGENCIES IN BERLIN."

(2) "REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY FORCES IN EVENT CIVIL
DISTURBANCES PROBABLY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY FACTOR
IN STRENGTH OF GARRISON. SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS HAVE
CAPABILITY CREATING AND DIRECTING CIVIL DISTURBANCES WHICH
WOULD BE SERIOUS THREAT TO SECURITY WEST BERLIN EVEN IF PRESENT
COMBINED CAPABILITY OF ALLIED MILITARY AND WEST BERLIN POLICE
BROUGHT TO BEAR. EVEN THREAT SUCH ACTION WOULD REQUIRE
EMPLOYMENT LARGE PART MILITARY FORCE INITIALLY TO PROTECT
PROPERTY SUCH AS AIRPORT (FOR EVACUATION PERSONNEL), DEPOTS,
BARRACKS, SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS, DEPENDENTS QUARTERS AND
ACCESSES THERETO. PRESENT CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND AGREED
BERLIN ALLIED PLANS, UNDER PLAUSIBLE CONDITIONS CIVIL
DISORDER, REQUIRE EMPLOYMENT ENTIRE WEST BERLIN POLICE FORCE
AND MILITARY GARRISONS. THIS CONCEPT RECENTLY PROVEN IN

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COMPREHENSIVE JOINT CPX IN WHICH ALLIED MILITARY AND WEST BERLIN POLICE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED."

(3) "FURTHERMORE THERE DANGER IF SIZE OF ALLIED GARRISONS CURTAILED TO LEVEL WHERE AGGRESSIVENESS ON PART OF SOVIETS AND/OR EAST GERMANS IS ENCOURAGED OR TO EXTENT WHERE QUICK COUP COULD WIPE OUT OR SUBDUE ENTIRE GARRISON AND FACE ALLIES WITH 'FAIT ACCOMPLI' IN BERLIN."

REFTEL DESCRIBES PREDICTABLE SOV EFFORT TO AUDIT OUR TROOP STRENGTH BY CONTROL MEASURES IF GARRISON LEVELS FIXED BY AGREEMENT.

FROM POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW, REDUCTION IN GARRISON LEVELS AT THIS TIME - EVEN VOLUNTARY - WOULD HAVE DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON BERLIN MORALE. FACT OF REDUCTION ITSELF WOULD BE JUDGED BY MANY BERLINERS AS EVIDENCE ALLIED WEAKNESS FORESHADOWING EVENTUAL PHASE-OUT ALLIED PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN CITY.

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